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CHESWICK GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 8th January 2020 7:30pm Cheswick Green Village Hall

Present: Cheswick Green Parish Councillors: Len Cresswell, Margaret Gosling, Sam Sedgley and Peter Townsend.

Clerk: Marie Zizzi

0 members of the public

209. Apologies for Absence and to approve, if thought fit, the reasons if any given, for absence from the meeting.

209.1 Apologies had been sent to the Clerk from Cllr. Smith and Cllr. Swain, they were both unwell.

209.2 It was stated that Cllr. Cresswell had sent an apology by email to the Clerk on 12th December after 6pm. It was pointed out that this was too late as the Clerk would not see this before the meeting commenced.

209.3 It was agreed to accept Cllr. Cresswell's apology for not attending the December meeting.

210. Declarations of Interest.

210.1 There were none.

211. Dispensations.

211.1 There were none.

212. Public Participation (15 Minutes).

212.1 There were no members of the public present.

213. To resolve to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 11th December 2019 (issued to Parish Councillors with the agenda).

213.1 Cllr. Cresswell requested that the word 'CIL' was amended to read 'Section 106' at 184.1.10; subject to this;

Resolved: proposed Cllr. Sedgley, seconded Cllr. Townsend; the minutes were approved.

214. To receive a report on the finances of the Council and to approve any payments made since the last meeting and any payments to be made (issued to Parish Councillors with the agenda).

Payments to be agreed from Co-op acc Exercise Class January 2020

100162	Exercise class instructor for Dec 2019	£81.00
100163	CG VHMC (use of hall Oct- Nov 2019)	£70.00

Chgs/Electronic payment transactions to be approved January 2020

Payee	Reason	Total
Meadowfields GM	Installing new dog bin	£72.00
Aquaquip	Refurbishment of Village Hall toilets	£14,040.00
CG VHMC	Use of hall Oct-Dec 2019	£32.50
Vision ICT	Hosted email account Feb 2019-January 2020	£21.60

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214.1 It was noted a payment had been received from Western Power for Wayleave: £18.59.

214.2 It was noted petty cash was £66.24.

Resolved; proposed Cllr. Townsend, seconded Cllr. Sedgley; that all payments as listed were approved.

215. To receive third quarter (April-Dec 2019) expenditure sheets and bank reconciliation *(issued to Parish Councillors with the agenda).*

215.1 It was noted that everything balanced. The Clerk said since issuing this information she had received the Unity Trust Bank statement for December and the bank charge of £18 had not been included in the bank reconciliation.

216. To resolve 2020-21 Precept amount and to delegate authority to the Clerk to submit the form to SMBC.

216.1 Cllr. Gosling asked members if they had read the information issued regarding setting the precept. Members confirmed they had.

Resolved; proposed Cllr. Townsend, seconded Cllr. Sedgley; the 2020-21 precept would be set at £70,000.00 and the Clerk was delegated the authority to submit the form to Solihull MBC.

216.2 It was noted that this would be a reduction of 6.6% based on a Band D charge from 2019-20.

217. To discuss the CIL money and consider what this should/could be spent on.

217.1 It was noted the Clerk had made enquires in relation to when the Parish Council should have received some of the CIL (March 2019) and when it was actually transferred into the Parish Councils account (May 2019). There were a number of items the Parish Council had purchased from April 2019 which the CIL could be used to pay for.

217.2 Cllr. Gosling spoke about the possibility of using CIL to improve broadband; she said this had been ongoing for about 18 months now.

217.3 There were comments about residents having problems with Virgin; whether there was an Ombudsman for BT/Openreach to report to and to let residents know what the situation was.

217.4 Cllr. Cresswell suggested possibly contacting Andy Street (Mayor for the West Midlands), in relation to this.

217.5 Cllr. Gosling said the new MP Saqib Bhatti and Borough Councillor James Butler were aware of the situation.

218. To receive any reports or recommendations from the Recreation Committee and to resolve any action to be taken.

218.1 It was stated that the grounds maintenance contractor had reported to the Clerk that two trees had been cut at the back of Heron Close; one was on Parish Council owned land and the other was from the back garden of a house in Heron Close. The branches had been dumped on the Recreation Ground land.

218.1 It was felt that the resident who had done this should come and collect these branches or pay for the costs for the branches to be removed.

218.2 It was noted that a tree had fallen over by where the old dog bin had been located on the Recreation Ground.

218.3 It was stated that the grounds maintenance contractor had sent an email to the Clerk, in relation to work on trees at the Mount. He had referred to a tree that could be pollarded; however, it was stated this tree only needed to have a few branches trimmed.

218.3.1 It was noted that Mr. Hall had submitted his monthly risk assessment audit for the Mount; he had stated that there was an ash sapling growing next to the streetlight, which would cover the light when it came into leaf in the spring. It had been pointed out that the streetlight belonged to Solihull MBC, however it was on Parish Council owned land.

219. To receive any reports or recommendations from the Planning Committee and any update in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan and other planning matters.

219.1 It was stated the Neighbourhood Plan was ongoing.

220. To consider any planning applications received and local development including progress regarding Cheswick Place/Mount Dairy Farm and Blythe Valley Business Park/IM.

PL/2019/03067/PPFL - Earlswood Cricket Club Watery Lane Cheswick Green Solihull; Erect score board.

220.1 There were no comments to be submitted.

220.2 It was noted Solihull MBC had refused the planning application for The Plough.

220.3 It was noted that further to the December Parish Council meeting, the Clerk had emailed Bloor Homes and the Planning Officer at Solihull MBC who had dealt with the Bloor Homes planning application, in relation to the gravel path from Archer Drive to Memorial Close; enquiring whether this was to be tarmacked; no replies had been received.

220.4 Cllr. Gosling spoke about another path that was dangerous (*the path that runs from Saxon Wood Road to Cheswick Place, comes out on Kingfisher Way*), she said one local resident had been involved in two accidents, one resulting in her going to hospital.

220.5 It was stated there were a number of dangerous roads.

221. Update on celebrating Cheswick Green being 50 years old in 2020 and 75th anniversary of VE Day.

221.1 Cllr. Sedgley said there was to be another meeting at the end of the month, lots of people were coming forward with ideas.

221.2 Cllr. Gosling said she had been selling 'Cheswick Green the first 40 years' books, so far she had £340 cash and one cheque for £9.95; these were given to the Clerk to pay into the Parish Councils bank account. It was noted this money would go towards the celebration event.

221.2.1 Cllr. Cresswell thought he had been told the books were free. However, Cllr. Gosling said the decision from the author was that members should contribute what they felt was appropriate and all other Councillors had decided to pay in full.

221.2.2 Cllr. Gosling said selling the books had been interesting, as people had been telling her things they remembered. It was suggested to ask people to email their experiences for the event.

221.2.3 It was stated Mr. John Pettinger would have a stall at the event to sell the books and also to sign books people had purchased.

222. To discuss speeding motorists, parking and any other road related matters in Cheswick Green.

222.1 It was noted that Mr. David Keaney (Solihull MBC Traffic Manager), was available to meet with members of the Parish Council on Wednesday 29th January, after the Recreation Committee meeting at 12 o'clock, however he would need to leave at 1pm. It was agreed to go ahead with this date and time.

222.2 Cllr. Sedgley had suggested the Parish Council asked Solihull MBC/Cllr. Ken Hawkins if the School Streets Scheme could be implemented in Cheswick Green.

222.3 Cllr. Cresswell said people should be put forward to be prosecuted if they sat in cars with their engines running.

222.4 There were comments about air pollution affecting children's health, asthma and air quality.

222.5 Cllr. Sedgley had compiled the results from the traffic and bus surveys. It was noted there had been 232 responses to the traffic survey and 73 responses to the bus survey. The results were looked at in detail.

222.5.1 It was noted there were lots of comments in relation to Illshaw Heath and that the 20-mph speed limit was not adhered to. It was stated the suggestion about a mirror was a good idea.

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Action item: Cllr. Sedgley to convert the results of the traffic survey into a pdf file; the Clerk to then send this to Ashley Prior, David Keaney, Davinder Chohan and Matthew Gardner at Solihull MBC, as well as the Borough Councillors. Cllr. Gosling to add this and the results of the bus survey to the website.

222.5.2 Cllr. Sedgley was thanked for carrying out these surveys, it was stated this was good work.

222.5.3 Cllr. Sedgley said that if there were over 100 replies, there was a cost of £19 per month for surveys.

222.5.4 Some of the comments provided from the bus survey were read out. It was stated the bus stop on Creynolds Lane was in a dangerous place.

222.5.5 Cllr. Cresswell queried why the bus went around some parts of Dickens Heath and not Cheswick Green.

222.5.6 It was suggested to ask Travel for West Midlands (TfWM), if the Parish Council could see the results of its survey; it was noted 58.33% - 42 people who had completed the Parish Council survey had also taken part in the TfWM consultation.

222.5.7 It was agreed that the results of the survey should be sent to Borough Cllr. James Butler, Andy Street (Mayor for the West Midlands) and MP Saqib Bhatti.

222.5.8 It was suggested to possibly discuss this again at the next Parish Council meeting.

223. To discuss ponding on the car park.

223.1 Cllr. Gosling said she did not know what the Parish Council could do without the co-operation of all the owners of the car park.

223.2 It was agreed the state of the car park was not very good, that it did pond in areas and there were potholes.

223.3 Cllr. Sedgley suggested contacting the other owners in relation to sprucing the car park up for the 50th/75th celebrations in May 2020, she said they all had a responsibility and civic duty, she added to point out to the various car park owners that the Mayor of Solihull, MPs and other various dignitaries would be invited to the event, the area in front of the shops and the car park were an embarrassment, they were central points to the village, focal points which looked disgusting.

223.4 Cllr. Cresswell spoke about stopping the pub from having heavy vehicles using the access road by the Village Hall/Surgery; he said the Veolia trucks came in on the Coppice Walk access then left via the Village Hall/Surgery access road. He said they needed to stop heavy vehicles using this access road. He referred to installing an overhead barrier at this one end to stop big/heavy vehicles using it. Cllr. Gosling said this had been discussed previously and it had been deemed inappropriate, the Surgery, the shops/shop owners and the pub would all need to agree to this, as it was shared land. Cllr. Cresswell did not agree, he added that these heavy vehicles leaving via the Surgery side were not good for children in the play area.

223.5 It was suggested to possibly arrange a meeting with all the groups that had ownership of the car park.

223.6 Cllr. Gosling said the damaged wall opposite the Saxon, which a local resident had complained to the pub and the Parish Council about had still not been repaired. The Clerk said she would chase this.

224. To discuss bus services.

224.1 Covered under item 222.

225. To receive any reports from Councillors and/or the Clerk.

225.1 The Clerk said she had emailed the Planning Officer for 254 Creynolds Lane to enquire if a site visit had been carried out twice and still not received any reply.

225.2 The Clerk had also emailed Managing Agents (KWB) for the shops regarding the land in front of the shops on 14th November, she had then chased this on 12th December and received a reply that the offer had been referred to the clients and that KWB would chase this.

225.3 Cllr. Sedgley said in relation to Neighbourhood Watch, she had two things to report; one was a scam from a telephone number 0203 385 7636 with an automated

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message stating it was HMRC and a case had been made against the person being called. The second was that people should write 2020 when using the short version of the date, as otherwise someone could add digits after the 20 to make it another year, thus possibly invalidating certain documents.

225.4 Cllr. Sedgley spoke about the CCTV, she said the camera on the Village Hall that looked on to the car park had been moved, she had the footage of the person who had done this; She said there was footage of what appeared to be drug dealing. It was queried whether the footage of the person could be put on Facebook, to ask people if they knew who the person was.

226. To resolve nomination to Royal Garden Party Tuesday 19th May 2020.

226.1 It was agreed Cllr. Cresswell could submit the nomination.

227. Update/report from Village Hall Management Committee.

227.1 Cllr. Swain was not present - item deferred.

228. To discuss payment of the Village Hall toilets.

228.1 It was stated the toilets looked really good and the payment had been approved.

229. To consider and resolve any action(s) in relation to items of correspondence received (issued to Parish Councillors with the agenda).

229.1 An email from Savills was noted.

229.2 It was noted the WALC newsletter with details about training events had been circulated.

230. To discuss and resolve any actions in relation to the ongoing CGPC action list (issued to Parish Councillors with the agenda).

230.1 It was noted the item about BT/Openreach was ongoing.

231. Agenda items for next meeting.

231. Update on the 50th/75th year's celebration event.

232. To resolve that due to the special nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

232.1 There were no members of the press or public present.

233. To discuss and resolve any actions regarding any items of correspondence or matters considered confidential.

233.1 There were none.

234. PAYE, payroll and pension scheme.

Meeting closed at 8:50pm